

A Proclamation, set furthe by the kynges Maiestie, with the aduise of
his highnes moste honorable counsaill, the. xviij. day of July, in the. v. yere, of his high-
nes most prosperous reigne, wherein diuers wholsome and profitable lawes, made
against regratores, foystallers, and engrossers. &c. are mencioned and recited



He kynges most royall maiestie, hauing perfect knowlege daily out and
from all partes of this his realme, that the great & excessiue prices both
of Corne, Cattell, Butter, Chese & other victualles, necessary for mennes
sustenance, for the moost parte groweth by the greedy and insatiable
couctous desires and appetites of the Breders, Broggers, Engrossers,
Grassiers, Victuallers, and foystallers (minding only theyr owne lucre,
without respect of the common wealth, to the great damage, empouert-
shing and disquieting of his maiesties subiectes) can not in respect of the
office committed vnto his maiesty of god, for the p̄seruatiō of his people, but furthwith prouide speedy re-
medy for refozmacion therof. And therfore his Maiestie letteth all maner his subiectes to vnderstaund
that by the aduise of his counsaill, he purposeth most seuerely and streightly, to execute all suche lawes as
haue bene heretofore, most godly and holesomly made and ordeined, against al suche Breders, Broggars
Engrossers, Grassiers, Victuallers, Regrators and Foystallers, aswel of victualles, as of Merchandizes
and namely one old statute, made against foystallers, the tenor wherof hereafter foloweth. No foystaller
shalbe suffered to dwell in any towne, the whiche for his lucre wil make hast to mete any corne, fishe, hering
and other thinges, to be sold somtime by water, some time by land, the whiche so taken, doth imagine to sel
it the moze dere: Also they that come to the merchantes straungers offering them to the sale of their ware, &
exhorting them to sell their ware moze deere, then they did purpose to sell it, and so by crafte and engine,
beguileth both the townes & the countrey. The first time that he is therof conuict he shalbe greuously a-
merced, The second time, he shalbe put vpon the pilory. The thirde time, he shalbe put in prison and make
fine. The fourth time he shalbe abiured, and banished the towne. And that shalbe obserued of al maner of
foystallers, & of them, that gene vnto them counsaill and ayde. And it shalbe inquired, if any Steward, or
Baylife, for any rewarde, did remit the iudgemente of the Pilory, or Tumbrell, iudged or of righte to
be iudged. And further, where there was in the. xvj. yere of the reigne of his maiesties moste dere father,
king Henry theight, a good statute made against regrators and foystallers of fishe, his maiestie comaun-
deth that according to the forme of thesaide estatute, that the Stewardes of the faires, of Sturbridge,
S. Ples, and Ely, cause thesaide estatute to be openly proclaimed, and red, within their limites, and that
likewise the Shiriffes of the counties of Essex, Suffolke, Norfolk and Lincolne, & the Maiors, & Bay-
liffes, of citiees and townes corporate, within thesame shires, shall before the laste of July, nexte comming
publishe and cause to be proclaimed the said estatute, at conuenient places. And where there were in the
last session of parliament, holden at westminster, in the. iiii. yere of his maiesties reigne, good lawes made
aswell against them that should buy any maner of Oxen, Steres, Kontes, Kyne, Heighfers, or Calues,
otherwise then in open faires, or markettes, (except it be for his own prouisiō of household, Cecme, or De-
cric, or that should sel thesame again aliue, in thesaid faire, or merket, where thesame cattel was bought, &
against the Butcher, that should buy any fat cattel, and sell thesame againe on liue, as also against suche
whiche vse to buy butter, and chese, to sel againe, (except they sel thesame by retaile in open shop fayre or
market, and not in grosse,) his maiesty straightly chargeth and commaundeth, all maner of his subiectes,
to whome thesame may appertene, that they shal duely obserue and kepe, the good intent, and meaning
of al thesaid estatutes, and Lawes, vpon suche peines and penalties, as be contained in thesame. And
furthor his maiestie streightly chargeth and commaundeth, all and singuler his Maiesties Justices of
peace, Maiors, Shiriffes, and other hed officers, of euery Shire, Citie, Boroughe, and toun corporat
within this his maiesties realme, that they and euery of the, within their limites to their vttermost power
and habilitie shall endeouour themselves, with all diligence, from time to time, to se, and cause this his high-
nes proclamation, and lawes, to be executed and obeied, as they wil enioy his maiesties fauour, and ad-
uoyde his indignation: That in case vpon this admonition, the greedy malice of couctous men, shal by
profe appeere to be nothing amended, but to continue stil in their corrupt intencions of disobeying the la-
wes, and empayzing of the common wealth: His maiestie as hed of thesame, and of all his louing subiectes,
is resolued to prouide in suche wise for the redresse, and repressiō of suche greedy disordinate enhauncers
of prices, as shalbe muche moze hazpe and penall, then any former lawe, or proclamation, heretofore
made or ordeined hath bene,

God saue the Kyng.

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